

Patricia E. Sadler, MD, HMDC, FACP

Applicant: Member at Large Seat, South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners

My interest to serve on the Board of Medical Examiners is rooted in my personal experience with the Board when a professional need was emerging in my nascent field of hospice and palliative medicine. This specialty has grown and evolved over my lifetime into an evidence-based, regulated specialty with much better guidelines and structure. A particular roadblock presented itself with the prescription of opiates for our patients in the homecare setting. My experience with delivering the issue to the Board revealed the essence of safe medical practices for our physicians and for our patients. The Board insisted on full information on the issue and on clear boundaries to provide care for our most vulnerable patients, the sick and dying who are in their homes.

My motivation lies in aligning the mission of our pledge to "First, do no harm" in the Hippocratic Oath to our engagement with other Boards representing all aspects of healthcare delivery, using minimum standards as a basis for promoting excellent medical practice, and continuously improving our practice of medicine for the protection of the public. Furthermore, I have a deep, abiding pride in our profession and our practitioners who embody the tenets of quality medical care.

My qualifications to serve on the Board include my experience as a general internist in the hospital, outpatient practice, adolescent medicine, and hospice and palliative medicine. I have served as Medical Director for Hospice of Laurens County in a volunteer capacity from 1988 until 2008; I became fully employed by Hospice of Laurens County to manage the inpatient unit as well as our homecare patients in 2008 where I practice now. I have served as governor of the South Carolina Chapter of the American College of Physicians (2014-2018) rendering experience with integrating the needs of our patients and Internal Medicine community at the state and national level with the goal of creating improved workspaces for our practitioners and providing excellent care to our patients. I was elected and served as a trustee and vice-chair on my local school board with a total of seventeen years of service. That experience was an education in planning, development, collaboration, and fiscal responsibility with the focus on another vulnerable population, our children. I remain active in the American College of Physicians at the state and national level with committee involvement.

It would be an honor to serve with my colleagues for our colleagues and for our patients in South Carolina.

### Engagement with other boards

use minimum standards as a basis for evaluating safe and effective medical practice;  
promote the improvement of the practice of medicine for the protection of the public;  
ensure and maintain qualified practitioners in our state in accordance with local and federal laws

The primary mission of the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners is to protect the public and fulfill two major functions: (1) licensing physicians (M.D. and D.O.), physician assistants, anesthesiologist assistants, respiratory care practitioners, registered cardiovascular invasive specialists, acupuncturists, auricular therapists, and auricular detoxification specialists; and (2) investigating and disciplining licensees found to be engaged in misconduct as defined in the professions' respective practice acts. This includes illegal, unethical or incompetent conduct.

I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability and judgment, this covenant:

I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures [that] are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.

I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.

I will not be ashamed to say "I know not", nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery.

I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death. If it is given me to save a life, all thanks. But it may also be within my power to take a life; this awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person's family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm.

If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

## **CURRICULUM VITA**

Patricia Earle Sadler, M.D., HMDC, FACP

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Place of Birth:

Home address and telephone:

Professional address and telephone: Hospice of Laurens County, Inc.  
1304 Springdale Drive  
Clinton, S.C. 29325  
864-833-6287  
864-938-0086 (facsimile)

Internet address:

### **PRESENT POSITION**

Patricia E. Sadler, M.D., HMDC, FACP  
Medical Director  
Hospice of Laurens County, Inc.  
1304 Springdale Drive  
Clinton, South Carolina 29325

### **EDUCATION**

College/University: Vanderbilt University  
B.A. chemistry/psychology, May 1979  
Medical School: Medical University of South Carolina  
M.D., May 1984  
Residency: Medical University of South Carolina, Internal Medicine  
July 1984-1987

### **BOARD CERTIFICATION**

National Board of Medical Examiners 1985  
American Board of Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine September 1987  
American Board of Internal Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Medicine September 2020  
Hospice Medical Directors Certification Board December 2020

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**MEDICAL LICENSURE**  
South Carolina #12560

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 1994 Volunteer of the Year, United Way of Laurens County
- 2002 Fellowship, American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine
- 2009 South Carolina Chapter of the American College of Physicians James McFarland Award
- 2012 Finalist, Healthcare Heroes, GSA Business

**PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- 1988-1992 Solo private practice, general Internal Medicine
- 9/92-3/94 Extended maternity leave
- 3/94-12/94 Solo private practice, general Internal Medicine
- 3/95-12/18/03 Physician, Reynolds Health Center, Presbyterian College
- 01/04 -10/08 Physician, private practice, general Internal Medicine

**EDUCATION/TEACHING**

- 1988 Advisor, respiratory technician in training
- 1989 "Breast Cancer Prevention", article printed in local newspaper
- 1989 Member, panel discussion, Career Choices and Decisions, Presbyterian College
- 1992 Supervisor, in-office practicum for a premedical student at Presbyterian College
- 1992 "Preventative Medicine Strategies", lecture for the ADPi Sorority at Presbyterian College
- 1992 "Menopause: A New Perspective", lecture for Women's Wellness Luncheon sponsored by the Laurens County Healthcare System
- 1994 "Signs and Symptoms of Impending Death", lecture for Hospice volunteer training, Hospice of Laurens County, Inc.
- 1995 "Neuro-anatomy of Pain", lecture for psychology class, Presbyterian College
- 1995-1999 "Women's Health", lecture for Women's Studies, Presbyterian College
- 1996 Member, panel discussion, Career Choices and Decisions, Presbyterian College
- 04/2011 "Hospice Update 2011: Non-cancer diagnoses" Laurens County Long Term Care Consortium
- 08/22/2011 "Hospice Eligibility in Patients with Non-cancer Diagnoses" Laurens County Hospital Medical Staff
- 2013- "Symptom management in hospice patients" Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy students in rotation at our facility
- Fall 2014 Preceptor, practicum student in masters nursing program
- 8/20/15 "General Inpatient Level of Care Workshop" RN employees of Hospice of Laurens County
- 2014-2018 Governor Elect Workshop speaker for Fall Board of Governors meeting
- 04/2022

**INSTITUTIONAL, DEPARTMENTAL, AND DIVISIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE  
RESPONSIBILITIES, COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

1988-1989 Bailey Memorial Hospital committees: Infection Control, Intensive Care Unit, Physician Recruitment  
1988-1990 Bailey Nursing Home Committee  
1991-1998 South Carolina Medical Association Medical Advisory Committee, South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department  
1994- Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine Alumni Advisory Council  
1988- Medical Director, Hospice of Laurens County, Inc., ex-officio member of all committees  
2010-2012 Program Chair, South Carolina Chapter of the American College of Physicians  
11/2012 Governor-elect, South Carolina Chapter of the American College of Physicians  
4/2014-2018 Governor, South Carolina Chapter of the American College of Physicians  
4/2014-2018 Member, Chapters Subcommittee, American College of Physicians  
4/2014- National abstract reviewer, American College of Physicians  
2/2015- NHC Utilization Review Committee, Clinton, SC  
4/2018- Patient Partnership in Healthcare Committee, American College of Physicians  
3/2020- Medical University of South Carolina Medicine Alumni Board

**PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

1987-1988 Southern Medical Association, member  
1987 - Medical University of South Carolina Alumni Association, member  
1987- American College of Physicians, Fellow  
1987- Laurens County Medical Society, member  
2002- South Carolina Medical Association, member  
2002- American Medical Association, member  
2008- American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

**CLINICAL PRACTICE, INTERESTS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Having practiced as the homecare hospice medical director for the prior twenty years, I began serving in the position as medical director of the inpatient unit of Hospice of Laurens County, Inc in 2008. This is a twelve-bed facility to provide inpatient care for hospice patients requiring acute care for symptom management and respite care. I continue as the home care medical director, as well, overseeing the management of patients at home. Administrative tasks include interdisciplinary group meetings, maintaining regulatory compliance, and education for clinical staff.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

1988-2008 Volunteer, Medical Director, Hospice of Laurens County, Inc.  
1988-2016 Hospice of Laurens County, Inc., Board of Directors, ex-officio member  
Chairperson, 1993-1995; committees- quality assurance, executive,  
Interdisciplinary group  
1993-2011 St. Boniface Catholic Church, Joanna, S.C., CCD instructor  
Committees: Parish Council  
1994-2016 Good Shepherd Free Medical Clinic, volunteer physician  
1996-97 Laurens County District #56 Reading Task Force  
1997-2000 Clinton Elementary School, reading tutor  
1997-98 Lecture, Career Day, fifth grade, Eastside Elementary School  
1997-98 President, Parent-Teacher Organization, Clinton Elementary School  
1996-2000 School Improvement Council, member, Bell Street Middle School,  
Clinton Elementary School, Martha Dendy Sixth Grade Center  
1998-99 Coach, Science Olympiad, Martha Dendy Sixth Grade Center  
1999-2000 Coach, Destination Imagination, Clinton Elementary School  
2000-2001 Comprehensive Health Advisory Board, Laurens District #56  
2000-2011 Girl Scout Troop #2093, leader  
2001-2002 Chairperson, Service Learning Committee, Clinton Elementary School  
2002-2004 School Improvement Council, Middle Schools, Laurens District 56  
2003-2020 Laurens County District 56 School Board, member  
2012-2020 Laurens County District 56 School Board, Vice-Chair  
2003-2009 Girl Scout Troop #304, leader  
2006-2009 Board of Visitors, member, Presbyterian College  
2007-2008 Steering Committee, Hospice of Laurens County Fundraising Campaign to  
build inpatient unit  
2007-2008 Volunteer reader, 4K students, M.S. Bailey Child Development Center  
2008-2010 United Way, Women in Philanthropy  
2012-2020 Board of Directors, Clinton Coalition for Youth  
2016-2020 Finance Committee, St. Boniface Catholic Church, Joanna, SC

### **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

#### **ACP MEETINGS AND COURSES**

Upon request

#### **OTHER MEETINGS AND COURSES**

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